



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:	Daniel C. Markel, et al.	§ Art Unit:	3641
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For:	High-Pressure Explosive Retention Device	§ Atty. Dkt. No.:	SHL.0242US (22.1526)
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 21, 2005

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 21, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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